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No,L.O.15685

Labour Office,
Secretariat, Bombay.
The 28th October 1941.
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From

The Commissioner of Labour,
Secretariat, Bombay.

To

The Deputy Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Irrigation and Railways,
P.W.D., Bombay.

Sir,

I have the honour to inform you that the question of ratifying the Draft Convention fixing the minimum age for admission of children to industrial employment as revised by the Twenty-third Session of the International Labour Conference is engaging the attention of the Government of India. The Draft Convention applies to transport of passengers or goods by road or rail or inland waterway including the handling of goods at docks, quays, wharves and warehouses and Article 7(3) of the Convention requires that children under the age of 13 years shall not be employed or allowed to work in the transport of passengers or goods or mails, by rail, or in the handling of goods at docks, quays or wharves. The Government of India have invited the views of the Provincial Governments as to the desirability of undertakings legislation to satisfy the requirements of the Draft Convention as far as it is applicable to the inland waterways in India. I shall be glad, therefore, if you will kindly let me have at an early date your views on the subject together with such information regarding the nature of employment, the number of persons employed and regulations, if any, governing the admission of persons to work on ferries, country crafts etc. plying in inland waterways of this Province or in the handling of goods at the docks, quays or wharves as you may possess.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

Sd/-

Commissioner of Labour.

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E.B. P.W.D.

Submitted

2. The draft put up may issue in the first instance.

Thro' W.& I.B.

Id/-
6-11-41.

Id/-
7/11/41.

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Below copy of letter No.L.O. 15685, dated the 28/30th Octr. 1941, from the Commr. of Labour.

No.5584/36-E.
P.W.D.
B.C., 10th Novr. 1941.

Copy forwarded with compliments to the S.Es. of circles with a request to communicate their views on the subject together with the informations reqd. by the Commr. of Labour in the concluding portion of his letter.

By order of the S.E.B.

Id/-
6/11/41.

Id/-
7/11.

No.5584/36-W.
P.W.D., B.C., 6th March 1942.

To

The Commissioner of Labour
Bombay.

Subject:- Draft Convention fixing minimum age for admission of children to industrial employment.

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Sir,

With refce. to the correspondence ending with your letter No.L.O.1230, dated the 26-2-42, I am directed to state that it would be desirable to have legislation to satisfy the requirements of Article 7(3) of the Draft Convention as far as it is applicable to the inland waterways in India.

2. There are no docks, quays or wharves in charge of this Department and hence no information can be given regarding the nature of employment, number of persons employed and regulations etc. governing the admission of the ~~ex~~ persons to work in the hauling of goods etc. at docks, quays or wharves. In the case of inland waterways this Department is concerned with ferries only but the right of plying them is/ agreement is entered into by the Executive Engineer with the ferry contractor. As far as is known, children under the ages of 13 years are not generally employed on the ferries or country crafts by these contractors. I am however to remark

/ usually auctioned every year and on

that ....

that the fixing of an age limit of 13 years will do more harm than good as contractors will then consider boys of 14 suitable. If any age is to be fixed for such work it should be 18.

I have etc.

Id/-
5/3/42.